



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/019,402
Filed : December 28, 2001
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS
CONTAINING THE SAME
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe
Group Art Unit : 1614

PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 23, 2004

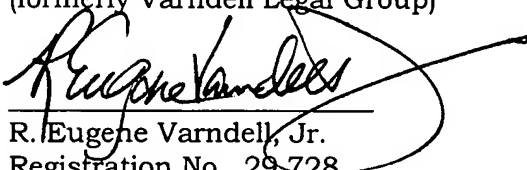
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time for filing an appeal brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed April 23, 2004. An appeal brief was due within two months from the filing of the Notice of Appeal, or in other words, on or before June 23, 2004. Accordingly, this petition for a two-month extension of time extends the due date for filing an appeal brief to August 23, 2004.

A check in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$420.00) is attached hereto for payment of this extension of time.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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